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Dear Board of Health Member,

Public hearing for Chapter 246-650 WAC: Newborn Screening is on the agenda for the BOH meeting Wednesday October 15, 2003. Attached is some information that may not be presented by the Department of Health personnel.

As past policies have led Washington into the situation of having the most costly newborn screening tests in the United States, I would like your consideration of some alternatives to the present procedures.

In presenting this data, I have drawn on my experience as a newborn screening researcher, director and consultant. I developed screening for congenital adrenal hyperplasia for the WA laboratory, directed the North Carolina newborn screening laboratory for six years and worked as a consultant to newborn screening programs, manufacturers and regulators for 10 years as well as acting as an expert witness in number of newborn screening cases.

I will be present at the meeting to try to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Lindsay F. Hofman  
A concerned Washington citizen and parent.